

25X1

Approved For Release 2006/02/07 : CIA-RDP80M01048A001100200034-3

Approved For Release 2006/02/07 : CIA-RDP80M01048A001100200034-3

SECRET

Approved For Release 2006/02/07 : CIA-RDP80M01048A001100200034-3

The Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Executive Registry

77-684/1



Washington, D.C. 20505

15 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : CRITIC Reporting

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum, Same Subject, dated 4 March 1977

1. I appreciated your memorandum on CRITIC reporting and agree that we are not using this channel quite as often as we should. In line with the recommendations of the IC Staff's study of the [redacted] incident, in February the Operations Directorate reminded all field stations by cable of the situations in which CRITIC should be employed. This should help to remedy this situation, but periodic reminders such as this no doubt will continue to be necessary.

25X1

2. With regard to other relevant recommendations in the IC Staff study: the CIA Operations Center believes that there are no current barriers to their initiating NOIWON conferences on the basis of information received via DDO or any other sensitive CIA channels. There is excellent coordination between the DDO Duty Office and the Ops Center in this respect. Additionally, I am confident that Operations Center personnel are by now steeped in NOIWON and CRITIC procedures.

3. I share Hal Saunders' belief that we should establish no inflexible rules that would prevent the man on the scene from sending in urgent information through his own channels in order to avoid widespread distribution of highly sensitive material.

25X1

[redacted]
E. H. Knoche

25X1

cc: DDO
Ch/Ops Center

Approved For Release 2006/02/07 : CIA-RDP80M01048A001100200034-3

SECRET

25X1

Approved For Release 2006/02/07 : CIA-RDP80M01048A001100200034-3

25X1

Approved For Release 2006/02/07 : CIA-RDP80M01048A001100200034-3